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To the Environment Committee, and any other interested party,

This letter is regarding the public hearing regarding the "Outdoor Wood burning Furnaces" or OWF's. My husband and I are not only in support of the OWF's but we are very dependent on the one we own, my husband has been laid off from his job for quite some time now and we rely on this furnace to heat our home.

We have been struggling to make ends meet not only to the tragic economic situation that has cost my husband his job, but to the rising costs of everything else around us. We are a family of three which includes a child, we need to save money any way we can. This furnace that we purchased is well over 6 years old and has helped us to save money on having to purchase oil and being able to heat our home. After purchasing the furnace and prior to installing our unit we had respectfully asked our surrounding neighbors if it would be ok to install it. Everyone was ok with it being installed.

Unfortunately due to the negative publicity that these furnaces has received within the last couple of years, it has now made non owners second guessing their decisions. We feel it is unjust to make us (the owners of the OWF's) suffer due to individuals who don't understand nor may not be in a situation such as my husband and I. We properly and safely operate our unit and we are respectful of our neighbors.

My husband and I as well as many other families are just trying to survive in these tragic economic times, and there should be some considerations for those of us who are just trying to live day by day trying to keep our homes as well as making it safe and warm in any way we can.

Thank you for the opportunity to plead why my family and many other families like ours, that are in similar situations are relying on these units for heat and water.

Sincerely,

Pamela And Don Nelson